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FOOD IMPORTS NECESSARY;
SOME RATIONS INCREASED

OUTLOOK FOR FOOD SUPPLIES -- Zemedelske Noviny, No 43, 20 Feb 49

Each month 16 million kilograms of meat are necessary to maintain present rations, according to B. Machacova-Dostalova, Chairman, Food Supply Committee, National Assembly.

It is necessary to import food, paid for in dollars, to make up for insufficiencies in domestic production. Last year's food imports cost 15 billion ~~across~~ ^{across}. The country needs 465 million eggs a year, and more than 85 million liters of milk monthly to feed the nation.

During 1949 the following approximate numbers of people will be fed in schools: 55,000 children in nursery schools; 180,000 children in elementary schools; 122,000 students in secondary schools; and 3,000 in other schools for youth. The total number of lunches served will be about 48,700,000, of which 12,375,000 will be for students.

RATIONS INCREASED IN 1949 - Lidove Noviny, No 43, 20 Feb 49

According to the plan for 1949, the caloric values of food rations are to be increased over those of 1948 as follows: children up to 6, 21 percent; children up to 12, 20.5 percent; and adolescents, 27.7 percent.

Children from 6 to 20 need more albumins in their diet, as well as iron, phosphorus, and vitamins.

EGG RATION INCREASED -- Svobodne Slovo, No 64, 17 Mar 49

Consumers over 20 with blue-printed tickets will receive four eggs on a special coupon in March. Other adults will receive two eggs. Factory kitchens will receive two eggs per person fed.

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NEW CLOTHING COUPONS RELEASED -- Lidova Demokracie, No 64, 17 Mar 49

The Ministry of Internal Trade released 15 points for the purchase of textiles and shoes as of 14 March. Also, Coupon VI can be used to buy up to 10 crowns' worth of sewing necessities.

It has been assured that the shops will have enough goods to cover these new tickets.

WORKERS' WAGES HIGHER THAN PREWAR -- Lidova Demokracie, No 60, 12 Mar 49

According to health-insurance classifications, 75.7 percent of all workers earned less than 9,000 crowns per year, or 750 crowns per month, in 1937. Today only 29.5 percent earn less than 27,000 crowns per year, or 2,250 crowns per month. More than 50 percent earned more than 3,000 crowns per month in 1948, while only 11 percent earned more than 1,000 crowns per month in 1937.

This difference is even clearer in the case of women. In 1937, 98.5 percent of employed women received less than 750 crowns per month. A full 47.3 percent earned less than 250 crowns per month. In 1937 only 0.1 percent received more than 1,000 crowns per month, while in 1948 12.2 percent earned more than 3,000 crowns monthly. That means that the number of women in the highest wage class is 128 sig times as great as in 1937.

PREFABRICATED HOUSE IN PRAGUE -- Lidova Demokracie, No 72, 26 Mar 49

The Czechoslovak Construction Works recently erected an experimental one-family house. The iron and concrete sections have an outside wall on one side and insulating boards on the other. Mass-produced, this house would cost 300,000 crowns, complete with installations. In these tests a two-family house of the same type was built by seven workers in 13 days.

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